

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend Claims 5 and 8 as follows.

Claims 1 through 4. **(Canceled)**

5. **(Currently Amended)** A developing apparatus comprising:

- a container containing a developing agent;
- a developer bearing member, which bears said developing agent received from said container and provides the developing agent to a photosensitive drum;
- a developing frame, which supports said developing bearing member;
- a magnetic sealing member magnetically restricting leakage of the developing agent at an end of said developing apparatus in a longitudinal direction of said developer bearing member,

wherein said magnetic sealing member is provided on said developing frame to form a gap with an outer surface of said developing bearing member, and

wherein said magnetic sealing member includes a magnetic portion facing a peripheral surface of said developing bearing member and an elastic portion facing to a side of said developing frame; and

an elastic sheet preventing the developing agent from leaking out of said developing apparatus, said elastic sheet being attached with a double-sided adhesive tape along the longitudinal direction of said developing frame,

wherein said magnetic sealing member and said elastic sheet are overlapped with each other, and

wherein an end in a longitudinal direction of said double-sided adhesive tape is L-shaped and contacts said elastic portion of said magnetic ~~sealing~~ sealing member.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) The developing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein an end in the longitudinal direction of a tip of said sheet member enters into a space between said developer bearing member and said magnetic sealing member.

8. (Currently Amended) The developing apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising an auxiliary member, which is located adjacent to said magnetic ~~sealing~~ sealing member, for biasing a free end side of said elastic sheet to said developing bearing member,

wherein said developing frame is provided with, at a portion attaching to said elastic sheet, ~~a recess into;~~ a recess into which said auxiliary member enters.

9. (Previously Presented) The developing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said auxiliary member is an elastic member.

10. (Previously Presented) The developing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the free end side of said elastic sheet is in contact with said developer bearing member along the longitudinal direction.

11. **(Previously Presented)** The developing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said auxiliary member is L-shaped.